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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 3566

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, HU, VS

SUBJECT: VIEWS OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MARJAI ON  
VIETNAM AND ICCS

REFS: BUDAPEST 3525 AND 3562

1. SUMMARY. DURING COURTESY CALL BY AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY ON FONMIN MARJAI, HUNGDEL ICCS ACTIVITIES, UNSUCCESSFUL TRIP OF MARJAI TO VIETNAM AND POSSIBLE RETALIATORY ACTION ON PART OF GOH WERE SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION. MARJAI SAID THAT IF SOME AMENDS NOT MADE BY SVN, GOH WOULD HAVE TO TAKE SOME ACTION. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HOPED GOH WOULD TREAT MATTER AS PAST INCIDENT AND NOT TAKE ANY STEPS THAT WOULD IMPAIR THEIR ABILITY TO WORK IN ICCS OR HAVE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS. NOTED NEITHER WE NOR SVN WERE GIVEN SUFFICIENT NOTICE OF HIS TRIP AND THAT GOH WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT. MARJAI USED OCCASION TO SAY THAT, PARTLY AS RESULT OF OUR DEMARCHE HERE, PA&E EMPLOYEES WOULD BE RELEASED IN FEW DAYS (BUDAPEST 3562).

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SAID GOH HAD WORKED TO DO THAT OUTSIDE OF REGULAR ICCS

CHANNELS. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR MADE COURTESY CALL ON DEPUTY FOMIN MARJAI YESTERDAY, DURING WHICH THERE WAS EXTENDED EXCHANGE VIEWS ON GOH ROLE IN ICCS AND MARJAI'S UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO VISIT VIETNAM. AMBASSADOR TOLD MARJAI THAT USG, AS WELL AS GOH, HAD NO DESIRE FOR VIETNAM PROBLEMS TO ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT THAT THEY WERE CAPABLE OF DOING SO AND THAT GOAL COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH CONTINUING EFFORT TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM GOH POSITIONS ON ICCS. MARJAI STATED THAT GOH WAS ASKED BY US AND OTHERS TO TAKE ON DIFFICULT ICCS ASSIGNMENT AND DID NOT WANT IT TO AFFECT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. OBSERVED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN VIETNAM ARE BEING CONDUCTED ON TWO LEVELS: "OFFICIAL" ICCS LEVEL, AND THROUGH "UNOFFICIAL" CHANNEL. HE IMPLIED THAT LATTER CHANNEL IS BASED ON CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH DRV AND PRG AND THAT THIS WAS PRINCIPAL WAY THEY COULD WORK. HE AGREED TO ARRANGING PERIODIC INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VIETNAM WITH AMBASSADOR WITH VIEW TO ANTICIPATING AS MANY PROBLEMS AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THEY BECAME ACUTE.

3. MARJAI SAID THAT CANCELLATION OF TRIP TO VIETNAM UNFORTUNATE, BUT MORE SO FOR "OTHER PARTIES" THAN FOR GOH. HE STATED THAT HSHAD INTENDED TO VISIT WITH GVN AND PRG REPS, AND NOTED THAT HE HAD HOPED TO CONFER WITH USG OFFICIALS IN SAIGON. A MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH PEOPLE AND SITUATION IN SVN. GOH WAS FAIRLY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH NVN, BUT NOT ABOUT THE SOUTH. MARJAI TERMED GVN REBUFF AS "PRIMITIVE" AND REGRETTED THAT HE COULD NOT HAVE HAD TALKS IN VIETNAM WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. HE SAID THAT GOH WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE SOME ACTION AS RESULT OF REBUFF BY GVN, UNLESS AMENDS WERE MADE. SAID GOH DID NOT ACT PRECIPITATELY AND WOULD MOVE ONLY IN DUE TIME, BUT HEY WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HOPED INCIDENT COULD BE TREATED AS A PAST ONE, HAVING IN MIND THAT GOH HAD GIVEN INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR GVN TO CONSIDER VISIT AND FOR US TO HELP, THAT GOH HAD CONTINUING ROLE IN ICCS AND THAT IT MIGHT WANT TO SEND INSPECTION MISSION THERE IN FUTURE. NOTED GOH HAD ALREADY

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PRESENTED NOTE TO SVN. MARJAI SAID THAT FORMAL DRV AND PRG PROTESTS HAD BEEN MADE, BUT THAT GOH DID NOT HAVE RELATIONS WITH GVN SO NO NOTE PRESENTED. NOTE TRANSMITTED BY ESZTERGALYOS WAS MORE OF AN INFORMATION NOTE THAN A PROTEST. HE IMPLIED THAT ACTION OTHER THAN PROTEST WAS BEING CONTEMPLATED, BUT WOULD GIVE NO INDICATION OF WHAT IT WAS. NOR DID HE INDICATE WHAT HE WANTED FROM GVN.

4. AMBASSADOR TRIED TO GET MARJAI TO GIVE CLEAR INDICATION OF WHEN GOH HAD FIRST COMMUNICATED TRIP TO SVN. HE ESSENTIALLY AVOIDED ISSUE. SAID THEY HAD NOTIFIED ICCS ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE AN STRESSED HE HAD RECEIVED FORMAL LETTER THROUGH ICCS SAYING SVN WOULD AHNDLE HIS ARRANGEMENTS. THEN HAD RECEIVED TWO DIFFERENT CABLES THROUGH AIRLINES. ONE SAID HE WAS PERSONAL NON GRATA. SECOND ONLY THAT HE COULD NOT GO ON THAT FLIGHT. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WITH PERSON OF HIS STATURE, MORE NOTICE WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL AND THAT POSSIBLY PROCEDURES OTHER THAN NORMAL ICCS APPROACH WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED.

5. AMBASSADOR ALSO SOUGHT TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON PURPOSE OF VISIT, INQUIRING WHETHER IT RELATED TO POLISH-HUNGARIAN CONSULTATIONS IN SEPTEMBER AND TO DISPATCH NEW POLISH REPS. MARJAI SAID VISIT HAD BEEN UNDER CONTEMPLATION BEFORE THAT AND WAS MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO MAKE FIRSTHAND VIEW OF SITUATION. HE STATED THAT HUNGDEL ICCS NOW UNDERGOING ROTATION AND THAT ALL OF DELEGATION (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING AMBASSADOR ESZTERGALYOS) WILL BE REPLACED BY DECEMBER OR JANUARY.

6. COMMENT: WHAT GOH HAS IN MIND WE DO NOT KNOW. PERHAPS NO MORE THAN IMPLEMENTATION OF PETER'S STATEMENT IN UN THAT GOH WOULD TAKE UP ITS STATUS THERE IN ICCS. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HEAD OFF ANY FURTHER DETERIORATION OF SITUATION IF GVN IN ITS RESPONSE TO ESZTERGALYOS' NOTE WOULD INDICATE IT HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO GOH SENDING HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE, INDICATING WHAT IT FEELS ABOUT TIME NEEDED TO ARRANGE, PROCEDURES, ETC. GOH CAN PERHAPS BE PUT IN WEAK POSITION ON HOW IT HANDLED THIS VISIT WHILE FUTURE VISIT IS KEPT OPEN AND UNHELPFUL FURTHER GOH STEP HEADED OFF.  
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